

Town Council Meeting: 14 February 2011



Town of Garrett Park
PO Box 84
4600 Waverly Avenue
Garrett Park, MD 20896

Regular Meeting of Town Council
Garrett Park Town Hall
10814 Kenilworth Avenue
Garrett Park, MD 20896

Draft AGENDA

Call to Order: 8:00 PM

Approval of Agenda

Public Hearing:

- Demolition Permit Application - Morgan, garage at rear of 4706 Waverly Avenue.

Presentations by Residents:

- Argyle Avenue Residents - Sledding Hill issues (Attached).

Mayor's Report:

Councilmember's Reports on Areas of Responsibility:

- Exploration of establishment of 501(c)(3) charitable foundation for donations to the Town. - Councilmember Mandel.

Approval of Minutes:

- 01/10/2011 Regular Council Meeting

Action/Discussion:

- Adoption of Public Information Act (PIA) Regulations - Mayor Keller
- Amendments to Chapter 2 of the GP Code of Ordinances (Elections) - Mayor Keller
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Town Administrator Report:

- Monthly Financial Report - Administrator Pratt
- Permits Report - Administrator Pratt

Adjournment

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Argyle Snow Proposal (December 20, 2010)

This proposal is designed to continue the tradition of sledding on Argyle, while improving safety for both sledders and residents of the hill. The proposal deals exclusively with snowfalls when there is sufficient snow to close Argyle for sledding. When the Town deems there is insufficient snowfall for sledding, Argyle will be cleared in the same manner as other Town streets.

We suggest a trial period of 2 years, or 4-6 snows that would result in the closing of Argyle for sledding, to assess the effectiveness of the proposal and to modify it if necessary and appropriate.

Snow Plowing and Clearing

1. The Town will not create berms at any Argyle intersections.
2. The Town will ensure a clear path to drains at the bottom of Argyle to avoid pooling and icy conditions from Argyle snowmelt.
3. The Town will work with Argyle residents to provide parking areas (plowed and treated to the extent possible) reserved for Argyle residents at all Argyle intersections.
4. The Town will act quickly to remedy icy conditions that create unsafe situations on Argyle.
5. The Town will completely plow Argyle at the end of the fourth or the beginning of the fifth day after snowfall stops.
6. For snows expected to be above 8-9 inches, the Town will pre-plow with the aim of limiting the snow that accumulates on Argyle to approximately 8-9 inches.

Signage and Barriers

7. When Argyle is closed for sledding, the Town will provide prohibitive, yet moveable street barriers at all Argyle intersections, such as those shown at <http://www.stanchiondepot.com/barrier.html?gclid=CLKT6tHR6qUCFRVx5QodaLNzqQ>.
8. The Town will improve signage (for example, "Street Not Plowed") at all Argyle intersections, as well as at the Montrose/Waverly intersection.

Communications and Monitoring

9. The Town will request that the Kensington Fire Station maintain a permanent record of the Argyle street closing so that rescue teams are prepared if called to the street for an emergency.
10. The Town will request Black Market to provide town-exiting instructions/map to patrons when Argyle is closed.

Call the Town Office at 301 933-7488 or Email at garrett-park@comcast.net for information

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11. The Town will provide emergency contacts so that Argyle residents can report emergency situations.

12. The Town will monitor conditions on Argyle during snowstorms and when unplowed, and take action to assist Argyle residents, or others stranded on the hill, if necessary.